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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

FRANCE'S ATTITUDE DENOUNCED BY JAPS

Claim That French Are Aiding
The Russians.

HAVE IGNORED NEUTRALITY LAW

Newspapers of Mikado's Empire Severe in Their Denunciations—Japan Will Issue the Fifth Domestic Loan of \$50,000,000.

Tokio, April 19.—Discussing the presence of vessels on the Russian second Pacific squadron at Kamranh bay on the east coast of French Cochinchina, Jiji Shimpō declares that the use of the island of Madagascar by the Russian squadron was a direct and prolonged violation of the principle of neutrality but on account of the distance Japan in that instance simply lodged a protest.

The paper, however, insists that Russia is now using Kamranh bay as a base for action against her opponent, and says she intends to use it at a point for effecting a junction with the remaining division of the squadron.

"If the use of Kamranh bay is continued," the Jiji Shimpō adds, "Japan must regard its neutrality as completely ignored and Japan will not be obliged to respect its neutrality."

The Jiji Shimpō further declares that France is lending the Russians efficient assistance, thus actually joining issue with Russia against Japan, and that it is now necessary for Japan to notify Great Britain and obtain her co-operation according to the terms of the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

"Protests," the paper asserts, "are unavailing. The time for action has come."

The Nichi Nichi today says France has been a party to keeping the location of the Russian squadron a secret and adds that France does not observe the 24-hour rule. But, the Nichi Nichi continues, the spirit of neutrality affords no excuse for extending such hospitality to a belligerent squadron and it expresses the hope that France will take steps to abide by her obligations and duties as a neutral power. The Asahi Shimpō asserts that France has deliberately kept the present of the Russian squadron a secret. The paper expresses regret at the fact, and hopes the government of Japan will act decisively.

Declares France Is Neutral.

Paris, April 18.—3:15 p. m.—The French government has taken every precaution to secure the observance of neutrality in French matters in Indo-China. To this end instructions have been sent to M. Bau, governor general of Indo-China again calling his attention to the regulations concerning the observance of neutrality issued at the outset of the war. These are identical with the neutrality rules in force during the Spanish-American war. It is believed that Admiral de Jonquieres, commander of the French naval forces at Saigon, in proceeding to Kamranh bay, where part of the Russian second Pacific squadron has been seen following the government general's instructions. The latter were not the result of the report that Japan contemplated making representations on the subject as no such action has thus far been ordered and France has from the outset acted voluntarily in seeking to maintain the neutrality of her waters.

Concerning the statement in the Associated Press dispatch from Tokio yesterday that the international statutes of the waters of Kamranh might determine the question of Admiral Togo's attacking the Russians there the official view prevails here that there are no international obstacles to prevent the Japanese adopting such tactics as their naval situation requires.

News from Japanese Capital.

Tokio, April 19.—The navy department today declared Tsugara straits a zone of defense, with the usual maritime restrictions.

It is expected that subscriptions for the fifth domestic loan will be opened on May 1. The amount of

the loan will be one hundred million yen, equivalent to about \$50,000,000, and the conditions will be similar to those of the fourth domestic loan.

Japanese Domestic Loan.

New York, April 19.—In discussing the new Japanese domestic \$50,000,000 reported to have been just issued, the Times Tokio correspondent says the fund is to be used for the purpose of withdrawing from circulation a part of the large sums in notes paid out in connection with the war. The proceeds of the recent London-New York loan are to be applied to payments abroad for the purpose of avoiding a reduction of the central banks' specie reserve.

The arrangements for financing the war during the current year are now complete. It is stated that the circulation of the Japanese war notes in Manchuria is now thoroughly satisfactory. The sum outstanding is about \$25,000,000, and the notes are now on a par with silver, whereas a discount of 10 to 20 per cent existed before the battle of Mukden.

D. A. R. IN ANNUAL SESSION.

Much Interest Is Taken in Regard to Election of a President.

Washington, April 19.—Interest of the Daughters of the American Revolution convention today centered on the preliminary campaign of the candidates for president general of the society. Mrs. George M. Sternberg, of this city, Mrs. Donald McLean of New York and Mrs. Charles Warren Lippitt, of Rhode Island, are the active candidates. The friends and adherents of each are leaving nothing undone that might promote the interests of their favorites.

The election will take place tomorrow morning, but it is not possible at this time to definitely forecast the result. Active work in support of the candidates was the absorbing feature of the sessions of the congress yesterday. Friends of the several candidates worked throughout the day and everything among the delegates securing pledge of support and meeting any arguments that were advanced against the availability of their candidates. The contest while earnest was not characterized by the bitterness which has been manifest in some previous campaigns for president general, and it seems well assured that the successful candidate will receive the cordial support of the society's membership.

Completion of continental memorial hall is figuring prominently in the campaign, the desire of all the delegates being to elect a woman as the head of the organization who will carry forward to the best advantage the work begun so auspiciously by Mrs. Fairbanks, the present president general. When the members began to assemble in the hall today the campaign work was resumed with vigor.

STEEL PLANT FOR CHINA.

Many New Rolling Mills and Blast Furnaces To Be Built.

New York, April 19.—Important contracts have been closed for the American equipment of the first steel mill to be built in China, and for Japanese steel wire drawing rolling mill and blast furnace plants.

A Cleveland, O., firm secured the contract through its New York office. The work entails an expenditure of upwards of \$3,000,000. The company, which is to build a plant in the vicinity of Shanghai has ordered a lot of machinery including an electrically operated furnace charging equipment. The contract for the Japanese steel wire drawing mill is the first of its description ever in the far east. Another Japanese contract calls for all the machinery necessary to go in a large rolling mill and blast furnace to be built in connection with the government arsenal at Kure.

Big Lumber Company Formed.

Mobile, Ala., April 19.—The Cotton Belt Lumber company was incorporated here for \$1,000,000. They will buy and sell lumber, operate mills, manufacture turpentine and do a general exporting business. Principal offices will be in Mobile. Incorporators are Archibald S. Terrell, Willie H. Bennett and Theodore Emory, all of Chicago.

FIRST RURAL ROUTE HAS BEEN ORDERED

Will Be Known as Bennington
Route No. 1, R. F. D.

PEOPLE ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

Those Living in the Country Will Enjoy Privilege of Daily Mail, Which Will Prove Big Advantage—Other Routes to Be Established.

The first free rural mail delivery route in Alachua county will be established on May 15, and, inasmuch as this will be a great advantage to people residing in the country, it goes without saying that the service will become popular, and that other routes will be established as soon as possible thereafter.

It will be remembered that a special representative of the rural free mail department of the United States government visited this city and viewed and marked out several routes a few weeks ago. He recommended to the department the establishing of these routes, whereupon an examination was held for the position of carrier.

The Fourth Assistant Postmaster General has notified Postmaster Arnow that the first route would be established, and instructed the postmaster that the service would go into effect on May 15. This route will cover an area of thirty square miles with distance to travel of twenty-seven and three-eighths miles. The number of houses on the route are 188, with a population to be served of 840. The route will be as follows: From Gainesville postoffice to Schafer's bakery, North Gainesville; to J. J. Burton's home; to Ramsey's store; to Beville church; to Wm. Hubbard place; to Rutledge; to home of J. M. Haile; to old Haile place; to Bennington; to Rocky Hill school; returning to Gainesville postoffice.

The regulations as set forth in the United States postoffice department of instruction require that the carrier shall receive a salary of \$720 per year, or \$60 per month; that, he shall leave the postoffice in Gainesville at 8 o'clock every morning except Sunday, and shall make the round trip in eight hours, delivering mail and making collections.

For the information of those along the route it may be stated that all persons to be served will be required to procure and install mail boxes at a convenient place where mail will be deposited and collected. These boxes must be installed at a place convenient, which will not necessitate the carrier leaving his vehicle, as the carrier is not required to do so. Registered mail and special delivery letters will be delivered personally by the carrier to any point within a mile of his regular route, for which the owner will be required to sign a receipt in the regular form.

The carrier will be supplied with the regulation envelope, with the name and number of the route printed thereon for the convenience of the patrons of the route.

Postmaster Arnow requests The Sun to state that the agent for the regulation mail boxes is expected daily. He will bring with him a sample box, and will make a personal canvass of the territory embodied in the proposed route. Those desiring mail delivered will be required to purchase a box at their own expense.

Postmaster Arnow expects that other routes will be established within a few months, as soon as necessary petitions have been secured.

THE NEWS FROM MELROSE.

Social Season at That Gay Resort About Ended—Personal Notes.

(Crowded Out Last Issue).

Melrose, April 15.—The last meeting of the several societies in Melrose for the present season took place during this week, the Reading Club's being on Wednesday and the Ladies' Literary Society on Friday afternoon. These meetings did much toward making the winter season pleasant to our winter residents and visitors.

Miss K. Mizelle has returned from

attending a very successful term at Oseola.

Mr. S. Carnes of Vienna, Ga., was a visitor in town last week.

Mrs. F. E. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shooter and Mr. and Mrs. H. Shooter gave a most enjoyable "at home" at Eden Grove on Thursday afternoon, which was attended by a large number of guests from Melrose and Earleton, the steamer Alert having been chartered by the hosts to bring their Melrose friends. The house was most artistically decorated outside with long, graceful canes of Japanese bamboo, which presented quite a tropical appearance. Inside, the reception rooms were gay with lovely roses and beautiful ferns. After having refreshed themselves with iced punch and grape fruit lemonade, the guests went to look round the grounds and to inspect the shaded groves. Those who had not seen the grape fruit trees before were struck with wonder at the quantity of large, clean and bright fruit still on the trees, about 400 boxes being still to be shipped. On returning to the house an abundant supply of varied delicious refreshments were served, to which ample justice was done by all. Mrs. Luttichau presided at the tea table, Mrs. J. W. Johnson, Mrs. S. B. Drew, Miss Darlington and Miss Schneller helping with the salad, ice cream, etc. Afterward, Mrs. C. C. Shooter rendered some delightful music to the appreciative guests, Mrs. Johnson joining her in some German songs. The day was perfect and all had a most enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shooter leave next week for Europe.

Micanopy News.

A telephone message from Dr. Crawford of Micanopy Wednesday brings some news from that lively burg.

Dr. Crawford states that, while the weather for the past two or three days has been quite cool, the thermometer going down to about 38 degrees, it is not believed that the vegetables are damaged. The movement of beans is heavy, and cucumbers will soon be moving at a lively rate.

J. A. Crosby has gone to Jacksonville on a brief business trip.

Dr. W. C. Johnson is in Jacksonville, where he is attending the State Medical Association.

Dr. L. Montgomery went to Atlanta Sunday for the purpose of attending the anti-tuberculosis convention, which convened in that city Monday and Tuesday. He will no doubt return via Jacksonville and attend the meeting of the State Medical Association, now in session.

Rev. E. A. Gray of the Methodist church expects to begin a series of meetings in that church Sunday. He will be assisted by able divines, and the meeting will continue for several days.

A telephone message from R. M. Chamberlain of Tacoma states that the recent cold did no damage in that section, and that vegetables of all kinds are looking fine. Mr. Chamberlain has ten acres in beans and seven acres in cucumbers, which are as fine as ever seen in the county. He has been shipping beans for several days, and has realized good prices. He expects within a few days to make his first shipment of cucumbers.

Memorial Day in High Springs.

Arrangements have been made to observe Memorial Day in High Springs on April 26. Capt. T. H. Willard will make an address, and there will be songs and other exercises suitable to the occasion. The Veterans of Alachua county are cordially invited to attend. A basket dinner will be served at 12:30 in the grove back of the Methodist church. The speaking will be held in the Methodist church, beginning at 2 o'clock, after which a line of march will be formed to the cemetery, where the graves will be decorated.

Mrs. John Quinlan,
Mrs. I. Waks,
Mrs. H. C. Stevens,
Mrs. P. P. Wood,
Mrs. Wm. Fitch,
Committee.

There are twice as many divorced women in the United States as divorced men.

ODD FELLOWS CLOSE SUCCESSFUL SESSION

Three Days Spent in an Enjoyable
Session in Gainesville.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

Last Day of the Session Was Full of Interest—Many Points of Importance Being Raised—Pensacola to be Next Meeting Place.

The last day of the session of the Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was spent strictly in business, with the exception of the reception which was held at the Dormitory of East Florida Seminary in the evening, complimentary to the delegates, the Rebekahs and all other members of the order and their families and immediate friends.

The business session of the Grand Lodge was called to order at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, and the session lasted until noon. At 3 o'clock the meeting was again called to order.

Among the important business transacted during the afternoon session was the selection of the next place for holding the meeting of the Grand Lodge. It was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Pensacola.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: A. O. Brinkley, Pensacola, Grand Master; L. J. Lester, Tampa, Deputy Grand Master; J. W. White, Jacksonville, Junior Grand Warden; A. M. Cushman, Gainesville, Grand Secretary; George Branning, Palm Beach, Grand Treasurer; W. E. Bailey, Satsuna Heights, Grand Marshal; B. A. Abernathy, Orlando, Grand Conductor; George T. Self, Fernandina, Grand Chaplain; S. Shugart, DeFuniak Springs, Grand Guardian; George R. Pierce, Grand Herald.

The Grand Lodge could not complete their work in the afternoon session, and Wednesday night concluded their session. At the conclusion they proceeded to the Dormitory of the East Florida Seminary, where they were entertained by the members of the order and their friends.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows have enjoyed a fine and successful session here, which will go down in the history of the order.

COTTON CROP WILL BE REDUCED

Sale of Fertilizer in Mississippi Has Been Less Than Last Year.

Jackson, Miss., April 19.—The sales of fertilizers in Mississippi this year have not been in excess of those of last season, according to statements made by the managers of large manufacturing plants.

It is true that shipments during the past three weeks have been very heavy, perhaps exceeding those for the same period of last year, but this is due wholly to the fact that a large majority of farmers delayed the placing of their orders usually sent in during the first three months of the year, and in a large number of instances early orders were canceled.

None of the fertilizer plants in Mississippi have arranged for outlets equal to those of last year, and it would now be a physical impossibility for these concerns to turn out the same volume of products as last season.

American Fishermen Excluded.

St. John's, N. F., April 19.—The upper house of the colonial legislature has passed Premier Bonds bill excluding American fishermen from Newfoundland waters. The bill provides that American fishing vessels found within the 3-mile limit of the coast of Newfoundland with bait, supplies or outfit purchased at any other port in the island shall be seized and forfeited, together with their cargoes. The task of proving that the supplies were not purchased in Newfoundland is made to devolve on the captain of the vessel. The bill was amended so as to permit the suspension of its operation at the discretion of the government. The governor's assent through a bill is expected before the end of the week.